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In re Application of Lakkis	:	
Application No. 10/010,601	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: December 6, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 00280	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 13, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 14, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. An extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was not obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 15, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 28, 2006.

The instant petition requests revival of the application.

Petitioner has submitted the required petition fee of \$750. Petitioner has submitted a reply to the non-final Office action mailed April 14, 2006. Petitioner has stated the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, the petition is granted and the application is revived.

Attorney Peter Martinez signed the petition. Attorney Martinez was not an attorney or agent of record at the time the application became abandoned. Therefore, it appears Martinez may not have been in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay. Nevertheless, the statement by Attorney Martinez that the entire delay was unintentional is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay.¹ In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that a portion of

¹ See *Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure*, 62 *Fed. Reg.* at 53160 and 53178; 1203 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

the delay from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Technology Center Art Unit 2616 will be informed of the instant decision and the application will be further examined in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Brantley', is positioned above the printed name.

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